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HANS -RUDOLF MEIER ET AL

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STABILISERS FOR NONBLACK

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**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Substitute Amendment replaces the Amendment filed on September 10, 2001 and is being filed responsive to the Office action mailed on April 11, 2001, the shortened statutory period for response to which was extended to expire on September 11, 2001, by simultaneously filed petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Substitute Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows.